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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title:	DETECTION OF PATIENT MORTALITY BY AN IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE		

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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This responds to the Office Action dated May 16, 2005. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action.